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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

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AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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TAGS: ETRD, QA

SUBJ: ANTITRUST SUIT AGAINST BECHTEL

REF: A) STATE 297842; B) ABU DHABI 12596

1. ALTHOUGH BECHTEL DOES NOT HOLD ANY CONTRACTS IN QATAR AT PRESENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES ACTION AGAINST FIRM COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT HERE. LIKE ABU DHABI, WE HAVE NOTICED RESERVE ON PART OF NUMBER OF MAJOR US FIRMS TO BECOME COMMITTED IN QATAR DUE TO REAL OR IMAGINED RISKS AND GENERAL UNFAMILIARITY WITH AREA. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, SOME COMPANIES HAVE OVERCOME RELUCTANCE AND ARE COMPETING FOR MAJOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. MOST NOTABLE EXAMPLE OF INCREASED US COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IS NGL PROJECT. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY THAT OUT OF FIVE ENGINEERING FIRMS THAT WILL BE INVITED TO BID ON MAIN TENDER, FOUR ARE US (INCLUDING BECHTEL). WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT IF BECHTEL CASE IS PURSUED, AWAKENING RESOLVE ON PART OF US COMPANIES TO DO BUSINESS HERE WILL DISAPPEAR.

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2. THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO REACTION FROM GOQ
OR PRIVATE SECTOR TO RECENT ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES FROM US.
WHETHER OR NOT THESE ACTIONS WILL EVENTUALLY PROVOKE A GOQ
RESPONSE THAT WILL EFFECT US BUSINESS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. IT
APPEARS TO US, HOWEVER, THAT EFFECT OF BECHTEL CASE ON OTHER
AMERICAN COMPANIES WOULD BE AS DAMAGING TO US COMMERCIAL
INTERESTS AS ANY COUNTERMEASURES GOQ COULD IMPLEMENT.
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